## **UNITED STATES**

## SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

# **FORM 10-Q**

(Mark One)

x QUARTERLY REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

For the fiscal quarter ended November 30, 2003

OR

#### " TRANSITION REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

For the transition period from \_\_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_

Commission File Number 0-21161

# Q.E.P. CO., INC.

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Its Charter)

Delaware (State or Other Jurisdiction of

Incorporation or Organization)

13-2983807 (I.R.S. Employer

**Identification No.)** 

#### **1081 Holland Drive**

Boca Raton, Florida 33487

(Address of Principal Executive Offices) (Zip Code)

#### (561) 994-5550

(Registrant s Telephone Number, Including Area Code)

Indicate by check mark whether registrant: (1) has filed all reports required to be filed by Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to file such reports), and (2) has been subject to such filing requirements for the past 90 days.

Yes þ No "

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is an accelerated filer (as defined in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act).

Yes "No þ

Indicate the number of shares outstanding of each of the issuer s classes of common stock, as of the latest practicable date.

3,408,175 SHARES (\$.001 PAR VALUE)

AS OF JANUARY 14, 2004

#### Q.E.P. CO., INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES

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\* Information derived from our audited financial statements on Form 10-K.

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PART I. FINANCIAL INFORMATION

#### ITEM I. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

#### Q.E.P. CO., INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES

#### CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS

#### NOVEMBER 30, 2003 AND FEBRUARY 28, 2003

	November 30, 2003	February 28, 2003	
	(Unaudited)		
ASSETS			
CURRENT ASSETS			
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 682,868	\$ 304,453	
Accounts receivable, less allowance for doubtful accounts of \$406,000 and \$354,000 at November 30,	22 264 225	20 540 202	
2003 and February 28, 2003, respectively	23,364,337	20,548,282	
Inventories	24,566,122	28,386,525	
Prepaid expenses	1,906,903	1,861,999	
Deferred income taxes	598,876	598,876	
Total current assets	51,119,106	51,700,135	
Property and equipment, net	7,262,041	6,443,379	
Deferred income taxes	767.756	1,216,913	
Goodwill	10,371,428	10,096,318	
Other intangible assets, net	2,228,645	2,254,593	
Other assets	731,289	814,020	
Oner assets	/31,289	814,020	
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 72,480,265	\$ 72,525,358	
LIABILITIES AND SHAREHOLDERS EQUITY			
CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Lines of credit	\$ 14,846,486	\$ 20,339,721	
Acquisition notes payable	1,002,629	839,326	
Current maturities of long term debt	2,682,874	2,818,148	
Accounts payable	11,628,771	12,499,204	
Accrued liabilities	6,586,733	3,393,251	
Total current liabilities	36,747,493	39,889,650	
Notes payable	6,307,025	6,582,680	
Acquisition notes payable	686,640	1,171,795	
Deferred income taxes	590,638	590,638	
Warrant put liability	1,860,637	1,175,300	
COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENCIES			
SHAREHOLDERS EQUITY			
Preferred stock, 2,500,000 shares authorized, \$1.00 par value; 336,660 shares issued and outstanding at			
November 30, 2003 and February 28, 2003, respectively	336,660	336,660	
	3,408	3,381	

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Common stock, 20,000,000 shares authorized, \$.001 par value; 3,408,050 shares and 3,381,190 shares issued and outstanding at November 30, 2003 and February 28, 2003, respectively		
Additional paid-in capital	9,235,250	9,068,703
Retained earnings	18,271,729	15,838,522
Cost of stock held in treasury	(381,445)	(436,170)
Accumulated other comprehensive income	(1,177,770)	(1,695,801)
	\$ 26,287,832	\$ 23,115,295
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TOTAL LIABILITIES AND SHAREHOLDERS EQUITY	\$ 72,480,265	\$ 72,525,358

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these statements

#### Q.E.P. CO., INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES

#### CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS

#### FOR THE NINE MONTHS AND THREE MONTHS ENDED NOVEMBER 30, 2003 AND 2002

#### (UNAUDITED)

	Nine Months Ended November 30,			Three Months Ended November 30,				
		2003		2002		2003		2002
Net Sales	\$ 10	)5,764,374	\$ 9	6,950,655	\$ 3	6,564,856	\$ 3	2,351,502
Cost of goods sold	6	59,308,092	6	3,679,614	2	4,029,723	2	21,193,040
Gross profit	3	36,456,282	3	3,271,041	1	2,535,133	1	1,158,462
Costs and expenses								
Shipping		9,783,297		8,838,459		3,479,878		2,895,241
General and administrative		9,279,885		8,521,044		3,224,496		2,986,722
Selling and marketing		0,731,637		0,378,003		3,471,299		3,571,482
Other expense, net	-	1,166,018	-	304,640		260,223		63,081
	3	30,960,837	2	8,042,146	1	0,435,896		9,516,526
Orantina income		5,495,445		5,228,895		2,099,237		1 641 026
Operating income Interest income		709		653		2,099,237		1,641,936 26
Interest expense	(	(1,320,673)	(	(1,470,142)		(264,406)		(513,643)
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Income before provision for income taxes and cumulative effect of								
change in accounting principle Provision for income taxes		4,175,481 (1,732,497)		3,759,406 (1,585,377)		1,835,066 (782,776)		1,128,319 (464,363)
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Net Income before cumulative effect of change in accounting								
principle Cumulative effect of change in accounting principle		2,442,984		2,174,029 (3,047,788)		1,052,290		663,956
Net income (loss)	\$	2,442,984	\$	(873,759)	\$	1,052,290	\$	663,956
Basic earnings (loss) per common share:								
Income before cumulative effect of change in accounting principle	\$	0.72	\$	0.64	\$	0.31	\$	0.20
Cumulative effect of change in accounting principle				(0.89)				
Net income (loss)	\$	0.72	\$	(0.25)	\$	0.31	\$	0.20
Diluted comings (loss) not common share								
Diluted earnings (loss) per common share:	¢	0.70	¢	0.64	¢	0.20	¢	0.00
Income before cumulative effect of change in accounting principle Cumulative effect of change in accounting principle	\$	0.70	\$	0.64 (0.89)	\$	0.30	\$	0.20
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Net income (loss)	\$	0.70	\$	(0.25)	\$	0.30	\$	0.20

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#### Q.E.P. CO., INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES

#### CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS

#### FOR THE NINE MONTHS ENDED NOVEMBER 30, 2003 AND 2002

#### (UNAUDITED)

	Nine Mon	Nine Months Ended		
	November 30, 2003	November 30, 2002		
Cash flows from operating activities:				
Net income (loss)	\$ 2,442,984	\$ (873,759)		
Adjustments to reconcile net income (loss) to net cash provided by operating activities:				
Cumulative effect of change in accounting principle		3,047,788		
Change in fair value of warrant put liability	685,337	376,000		
Gain on sale of assets	(148,230)			
Depreciation and amortization	2,270,960	1,373,661		
Bad debt expense	255,240	247,248		
Deferred income taxes	449,157	364,327		
Changes in assets and liabilities, net of acquisitions:				
Accounts receivable	(2,657,616)	(2,590,194)		
Inventories	4,273,326	(1,863,802)		
Prepaid expenses	73,004	264,073		
Other assets	(259,242)	(461,762)		
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	1,847,738	1,534,021		
Net cash provided by operating activities	9,232,658	1,417,601		
Cash flows from investing activities:				